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Dear Sir:

In a communication mailed December 13, 2006, the Office restricted claims 29,30 and 38-59 of the above-identified application into Group I (claims 29-30), Group II (claims 38-56), and Group III (claims 57-59). The Examiner has subsequently confirmed that claims 38 and 39 were intended to be included in Group I, as they depend from Claim 29.

Applicant elects the claims of Group II (claims 40-56) and provisionally withdraws the non-elected claims of Groups I and III. The restriction is respectfully traversed in order to preserve the issue for subsequent petition since the examination of all of the claims is not believed to create an undue burden on the USPTO and that the subject matter among the groups is not independent and distinct as required by statute. Furthermore, different classifications as recited by the USPTO are not independent adequate grounds for restriction since the USPTO has historically examined applications containing multiple sets of claims.

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In summary, Applicant elects the claims of Group II for further prosecution and provisionally withdraws the non-elected claims from consideration. Reconsideration and further prosecution on the merits of at least the claims of Group II are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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